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Filed: 04/03/2001 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
CREATING IMAGE PASSWORDS )  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of September 26, 2004, kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for creating unique image passwords utilizing a separate keypad in conjunction with a universal computer system, to secure and gain access to a computer system comprised of a computer having a CPU, memory means, non-volatile memory storage, keyboard removable storage means, keypad with removable storage means and memory means, software for creating graphical images, and said system having a monitor capable of displaying graphics, said method comprised of the steps of:

a. Installing a computer residing program for controlling access to the computer so as to allow the computer to be disabled or enabled in response to a directive;

- b. Creating a plurality of {the} computer password digitized images; {image utilizing the computer graphics program;}
- c. Storing said plurality of computer password digitized images {image} in the keypad memory means in a predetermined sequence to create a multi-image password;
- d. Assigning each {the} respective image password to a key on the keypad;
- e. Storing the said plurality of computer digitized images {image} on keypad removable storage means;
- f. Inserting the keypad removable storage means when desired to operate the computer;
- g. Inputting each image of the multi-image password in the predetermined sequence through the keypad by selecting each key matching each image in the desired sequence {the keyboard removable storage numeric unique sequence code through the keypad};
- h. Reading the images {image} on the keypad removable storage means and comparing the images {image} stored on the keypad for a match, and comparing the order of entry with the stored predetermined {unique numeric password with the stored numeric} sequence associated with the respective multi-image password {graphic image}, and granting access to the computer if the images match and sequence of image matches {a match is determined}.

2. Please cancel claim 2.
3. Please cancel claim 3.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that, with these amendments, that the application be passed for issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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on February 28, 2005, the first business day after February 26, 2005 and a filing date of February 26, 2005, is requested, pursuant to Rule 1.8(a)

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